

1 SELECTION BETWEEN AN IN-BAND AND AN OUT-OF-BAND CHANNEL
2 FOR DOWNLOADING CODE TO A SET TOP BOX

3 A cable communication system makes use of a download control message to
4 indicate whether a code object should be downloaded to a set top box via an in-band
5 channel or via an out-of-band channel. In one version, the system includes means for
6 adaptively determining whether to use an in-band channel or an out-of-band channel.
7 The related method includes the steps of receiving a message designating whether to tune
8 to an in-band or an out-of-band channel in order to receive the code object, tuning to the
9 designated channel, and receiving the code object from the designated channel.